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Don't Bring a Snowball to a High-Powered Hose Fight

A group of teens who tried to start a snowball fight with firefighters soon learned the hard way that they were outmatched. Video posted by the Daily Mail, reportedly taken in Leeds, England, shows a teen throwing a snowball at a firefighter, who was working on a boat. The crew then turned on their high-pressure hose and drenched the youths with freezing water. (EXPRESS)

GUINEA PIGS

"Do you think the pain will make us scream?"

— **VALERIO ZENO,** ONE OF TWO MALE TV HOSTS IN HOLLAND WHO WERE ABOUT TO BE HOOKED UP TO ELECTRODES THAT WOULD SEND SHOCKS TO THEIR ABDOMENS SIMULATING CHILDBIRTH CONTRACTIONS. THE HOSTS LASTED TWO HOURS, THE U.K. WEBSITE ORANGE NEWS REPORTED MONDAY.

OPTIONS

'I Told You We Should Have Stolen the Camel Instead'

Thieves trying to make a quick getaway in Colombia after stealing items from a shop had to abandon their noisy ride because it was drawing too much attention. Noticias Caracol reported Monday that the group stole rum, oil, rice, tuna and sardines and loaded the goods onto a donkey, which they had stolen earlier. The donkey brayed, alerting police and prompting the thieves to ditch their ride and ill-gotten gains and flee. (EXPRESS)

The Big Picture

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SPONGE OUT OF WATER: SpongeBob SquarePants is helped up a flight of stairs Tuesday during the 2013 London Toy Fair at Olympia Exhibition Center. The annual fair, which is organized by the British Toy and Hobby Association, brings together toy manufacturers and retailers from around the world.

GOP Proposes Delaying Debt-Limit Showdown

House GOP to vote on putting off the issue for 3 months

Washington

Seeking to regain their budget footing versus President Barack Obama, Republicans controlling the House are moving quickly to try to defuse a potential debt crisis with legislation to prevent a first-ever U.S. default for at least three months.

The Republicans are giving up for now on trying to extract spending cuts from Democrats in return for an increase in the government's borrowing cap. But the respite promises to be only temporary, with the stage still set for major battles between the GOP and Obama over taxes, spending and deficits.

The across-the-board spending cuts would pare $85 billion from this year's budget after being delayed from Jan. 1 until March 1 and reduced by $24 billion by the recently enacted tax bill.

BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

President Barack Obama signaled Tuesday that the administration would not oppose the measure by House Republicans to delay a vote on the debt limit.

The first step comes Wednesday with a House vote on GOP-sponsored legislation that would give the government enough borrowing leeway to meet three months' worth of obligations, delaying a showdown next month that Republicans fear they would lose.

While it's commonly assumed that the Treasury Department wouldn't allow a disastrous default on U.S. Treasury notes, the prospect of failing to meet other U.S. obligations such as payments to contractors, unemployment benefits and Social Security checks would also be reputation shattering. House Speaker John Boehner and other GOP leaders have made it plain they don't have the stomach for it.

The legislation is disliked by many Democrats, but the White House said in a statement Tuesday that the administration would not oppose the measure.

It also appears that Senate Democrats will grudgingly accept the bill, which Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., called "a big step in the right direction" since the three-month GOP debt measure isn't conditioned on a dollar cut in spending for every dollar of new borrowing authority as Boehner has long demanded.

"The Boehner rule of 1-for-1, it's gone," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "So it's a good step forward." ANDREW TAYLOR (AP)

Why Move the Vote?

The idea driving the move to delay the debt-limit vote by GOP leaders is to re-sequence a series of upcoming budget battles, taking the threat of a potentially devastating government default off the table and instead setting up a clash in March over automatic across-the-board spending cuts set to strike the Pentagon and many domestic programs. Those cuts — postponed by the recent fiscal cliff deal — are the punishment for the failure of a 2011 deficit supercommittee to reach an agreement. (AP)

Gen. John Allen Is Cleared of Misconduct

Washington

The Pentagon's inspector general has cleared the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan of wrongdoing following an investigation into whether he exchanged inappropriate emails with the same Tampa socialite involved in the scandal that prompted the resignation of CIA Director David Petraeus, senior U.S. officials said.

Allen

The FBI uncovered messages from Marine Gen. John Allen to Jill Kelley during its investigation of Petraeus last year.

In a letter sent to Allen on Friday, the inspector general wrote that Allen had not violated military prohibitions against conduct unbecoming an officer, the senior U.S. officials said. "He was completely exonerated," one of the officials said. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Jill Kelley and her husband write in an op-ed that their privacy was trampled and their liberties breached in the aftermath of the Petraeus scandal. Read the column online or in Wednesday's Washington Post.

Space-Age Salvage: The Pentagon's research wing, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, said Tuesday it will spend $180 million to test technologies capable of scavenging defunct communication satellites for valuable parts, such as antennas and solar panels, and repurposing them in orbit. DARPA program manager David Barnhart said they are attempting to increase the return on investment and lower the cost of military space missions. (AP)

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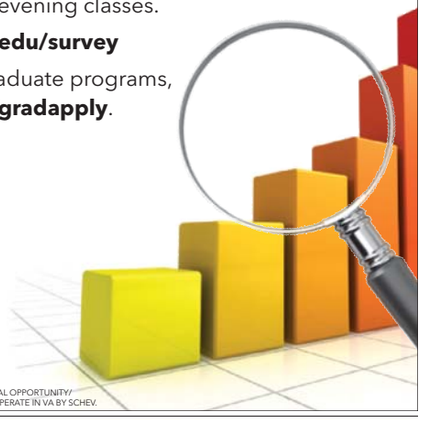

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Roe v. Wade at 40: Fight Still On

Groups from both sides reflect on the landmark decision

Topeka, Kan.

Abortion opponents marked the 40th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision Tuesday with workshops, prayers and calls for more limits on the rights established by the Supreme Court in the landmark ruling that still defines one of the nation's most intractable debates.

Abortion-rights groups observed a quieter anniversary — a possible reflection of the reality that it's far rarer for lawmakers to expand access to abortion. The National Organization for Women planned a candlelight vigil Tuesday night at the Supreme Court to commemorate the 1973 decision, which created a constitutional right to abortions in some circumstances and prevented states from banning the practice.

In Topeka, Kan., abortion opponents gathered with GOP Gov. Sam Brownback, who has called on lawmakers to create "a culture of life." He is expected to support whatever further restrictions they approve.

In the four decades since Roe v. Wade, a series of court decisions have narrowed its scope. With each decision, lawmakers in multiple states have followed up by making abortions more difficult to obtain or imposing restrictions on providers.

According to the New York-based Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive-rights think tank, 135 laws aimed in some way at restricting access to abortion were enacted in 30 states in 2011 and 2012. More such measures already have been proposed in several states this year.

Meanwhile, a WSJ/NBC News poll released Tuesday found that 7 in 10 Americans believe Roe v Wade should stand —the highest level of support for the decision since polls began tracking it in 1989. JOHN HANNA (AP)

ORLIN WAGNER/AP

Abortion-rights advocates protest at a Topeka, Kan., anti-abortion rally Tuesday.

Meanwhile ...

The annual March for Life, which traditionally draws several hundred thousand abortion opponents to Washington, is scheduled for Friday.

3 Wounded in Shooting at Texas College

Houston

Authorities said a shooting at a Texas community college was the result of an altercation between two people, and at least one was a student.

Harris County Sheriff's Maj. Armando Tello said both people involved in the altercation at the Lone Star College System campus were wounded and hospitalized. He said a maintenance man was injured in the crossfire and also taken to a hospital.

Tello added that a female who had a student ID also was hospitalized for a medical complication.

In Texas, several school districts have either implemented or are considering a plan to allow faculty to carry guns on campus. (AP)

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World

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A boy looks at the remains of a car after a bombing in Baghdad on Tuesday.

BAGHDAD

Attacks Kill 22 in Iraq

A string of attacks, including three car bombings in and around Baghdad, killed at least 22 people Tuesday, deepening fears of a surge in violence as sectarian tensions fester in Iraq. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but blame for Tuesday's bloodshed is likely to fall on Sunni insurgents. (AP)

MASNAA, LEBANON

Russians Evacuated From War-Torn Syria

Key ally Russia began evacuating its citizens from Syria on Tuesday as fighting intensified in the capital, Damascus. It was the strongest sign yet of Moscow's waning confidence in President Bashar Assad. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Tuesday that a diplomatic conclusion to the nation's civil war seems unlikely. (AP)

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS

Police: 3 Held in Art Heist

Romanian authorities arrested three suspects in last year's multimillion-dollar art heist from a Netherlands art gallery, Dutch police said Tuesday. But the paintings have not been recovered. The arrests marked a breakthrough for police since thieves swiped seven works from the Kunsthal gallery in Rotterdam on Oct. 16. (AP)

Narrow Win for Israeli PM's Party

Setback sets stage for Netanyahu to form broad coalition

Jerusalem

In a stunning setback, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's hardline bloc fared worse than expected in a parliamentary election Tuesday, exit polls showed, possibly forcing the incumbent Israeli leader to invite surprisingly strong moderate rivals into his government and soften his line toward the Palestinians.

TV exit polls showed the hardliners with about 61 seats in the 120-seat parliament, a bare majority, and the counts could change as actual votes are tallied.

The unofficial TV results had Netanyahu winning only 31 seats, though he combined his Likud Party with the far-right Yisrael Beitenu for the voting.

If they hold up through the actual vote counting, the unexpected results could be seen a setback for Netanyahu's tough policies. The coalition-building process could force him to promise concessions to restart long-stalled peace talks with the Palestinians.

Political newcomer Yair Lapid saw his centrist Yesh Atid party debut with a strong showing of 19 seats.

In a statement on his Facebook page, Netanyahu said he would reach across the aisle to invite parties to join a broad-based coalition.

"According to the exit polls, it is clear that Israel citizens decided that they want me to continue to serve as prime minister of Israel, and that I form the widest possible majority [coalition]," he said.

Nearly 67 percent of Israel's 5.5 million eligible voters took part, more than in previous elections — apparently boosting the centrists, especially Lapid's party.

Lapid and other centrist parties have said they would not join Netanyahu's team unless he promises to make a serious push for peace with the Palestinians. The moderates also want an end to the generous subsidies and military draft exemptions given to ultra-Orthodox Jewish communities.

JOSEF FEDERMAN (AP)

Israel's Cautious PM

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, shown casting his ballot in Tuesday's parliamentary vote, has emerged as Israel's top politician with a cautious approach to peacemaking. His conservative style, which has often enraged even his closest allies abroad, was expected to help Netanyahu win re-election. Victory would mean another term for a man who already has served a total of six years as prime minister. Yet Netanyahu, 63, has surprisingly little to show for his efforts on the diplomatic stage. (AP)

Algeria Searches for 5 Workers

Algiers, Algeria

Algerian forces scoured the Sahara Desert on Tuesday, searching for five foreign energy workers who vanished during a chaotic four-day battle with hostage-taking Islamist militants.

The men may have fled the complex during the fighting last week and gotten lost, an official said. The hostages could also have died in the shootouts, as seven bodies have yet to be identified, authorities said.

The four-day confrontation that began when al-Qaeda-linked militants stormed the remote natural-gas complex and took hostages Wednesday was punctuated by attacks from helicopters and a final assault by Algerian special forces.

In all, 37 hostages, including an Algerian security guard, and 29 militants were killed, but five other foreign workers remain unaccounted for. (AP)

> **"One thing is sure: Everything is being done to know their fate."**
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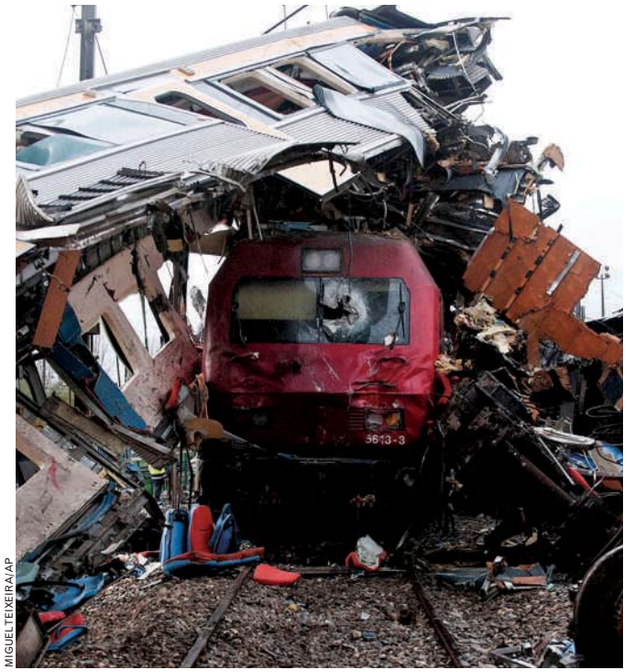
> — **AN ALGERIAN OFFICIAL** IN PRIME MINISTER ABDEMALEK SELLAL'S OFFICE, DISCUSSING THE FIVE WORKERS STILL MISSING AFTER A MILITANT ATTACK ON A NATURAL-GAS PLANT LAST WEEK

Train Smashes Another in Portugal



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THE WRECKAGE OF A COMMUTER TRAIN sits on the tracks in Alfarelos, Portugal, on Tuesday after it rear-ended another train Monday night. Twenty-one people were injured in the accident.

Water, Water, Everywhere ... Too much rain means too little water for about 2 million Chileans. Heavy rains and warm weather have melted snowy peaks in the Andes mountains, causing landslides and nearby rivers to flood. Water utility company Aguas Andinas said the mud, rocks and trees on Sunday forced the closure of three purification plants. About half the neighborhoods in Chile's capital of Santiago suffered water shortages Tuesday. (AP)

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Inauguration Riders Down

Metro says this year saw 70 percent of the ridership from 2009

Washington

Metro recorded 779,787 passenger entries to the system on Inauguration Day, about 70 percent of the ridership on Inauguration Day in 2009.

The system recorded an all-time high ridership four years ago, counting 1.12 million trips. Metro officials said that since Inauguration Day fell on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, more people were off work and not commuting.

The day doesn't even make it into Metro's top 20 ridership days, which include days when there were Washington Nationals home baseball games, the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, the annual Cherry Blossom Festival and the state funeral for President Ronald Reagan. More than 830,000 people rode trains on each of those days.

Metro spokesman Dan Stessel said Monday's total is about 50,000 more than an average weekday and three to four times greater than ridership on other holidays.

Metro officials said the difference between a regular day and Monday, though, was that most people were trying to use a small cluster of stations. That meant lines at some stations snaked for blocks. Four stations were temporarily closed because of crowding. (AP)

Metro Work

From 10 p.m. Friday through noon Sunday, Red Line trains will share a track between Farragut North and Judiciary Square. From 10 p.m. Friday until closing Sunday, Orange Line trains will share a track between East Falls Church and West Falls Church and between Stadium-Armory and Cheverly, and Green Line trains will share a track between College Park and Greenbelt. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Submitted by @veronicamagan, who lamented the downsides of single-tracking on the Red Line at the Bethesda station last week.

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New D.C. Graduation Requisites?

School board: Make students take more high school classes

Washington

D.C. high school students would have to study more art and music, get more physical exercise and complete a thesis project under proposed changes to city graduation requirements.

The proposal by the D.C. State Board of Education would raise the total number of required high school course credits in the District to 26 from 24 — more than students need to earn diplomas in Maryland, Virginia and many other states.

But for the first time, D.C. students would be allowed to earn some credits outside the classroom, including through team sports, study-abroad programs and extracurricular arts and music performances.

"Our goal is to create high standards but also to provide flexibility for students and schools," said Laura Slover, board president.

"We really want kids to learn. Sometimes they do that in a classroom, and sometime they do that out of a classroom."

The plan has drawn skepticism, however, from critics who question how and whether schools will verify students' extracurricular activities.

Before Graduation

Here are some of the Board of Education's key proposed changes to graduation requirements for D.C. high school students:

- Students would have to take an additional unit of physical education, and organized extracurricular sports may count toward this requirement.
- Students would still have to take two years of a foreign language — but for the first time, it would have to be the same language both years.
- Students would have to complete a thesis project in their junior or senior year.
- Students would have to take an additional unit of either art or music.

"Certifying non-classroom hours only invites fabrication," wrote Erich Martel, a former DCPS high school teacher, in a letter to the Current newspapers.

One proposed change — to eliminate the requirement that students take a course in U.S. government to graduate from high school — has already proven contentious, particularly among advocates for civics education.

Slover said she recognizes the concern and considers that proposal "open to discussion."

The board will hear public comment on the proposed changes at its Wednesday meeting.

It plans to vote on the proposal March 20. EMMA BROWN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Officer: Md. Exec Spoke Of Sexual Encounters

Annapolis, Md.

A former protection officer for Anne Arundel County Executive John Leopold testified Tuesday that Leopold directed him to compile dossiers on political rivals, put up campaign posters and deliver Leopold to a bowling alley parking lot for sexual encounters with a female county employee.

Cpl. Howard Brown said he did not feel comfortable refusing Leopold's requests because "of what the retribution might be."

After one encounter, Brown testified at the Republican's misconduct trial in Annapolis, Leopold told him he had just received oral sex.

Leopold, 69, is being tried on four counts of misconduct and one count of fraudulently misappropriating county funds. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Presidential Families Visit Cathedral

MARK WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA WIPES A TEAR Tuesday while he and first lady Michelle Obama, Jill Biden and Vice President Joe Biden listen to the Children of the Gospel Choir during the National Prayer Service at the National Cathedral.

In Brief

RICHMOND, VA.

Ex-UVa. Athlete Seeks New Trial for Murder

Huguely

Attorneys for a former University of Virginia lacrosse player convicted in the beating death of his ex-girlfriend are taking the case to the Virginia Court of Appeals. Lawyers for George W. Huguely V filed a petition for appeal Tuesday with the court arguing that constitutional and procedural errors entitle him to a new trial. The Maryland man is serving 23 years in prison after being convicted of second-degree murder in the May 2010 slaying of 22-year-old Yeardley Love. (AP)

UPPER MARLBORO, MD.

Gun-Offender Registry Tracks Below Estimates

Prince George's County police say a new gun-offender registry is tracking fewer convicts than originally estimated. The registry began requiring people convicted of gun-related offenses to register with the department six months ago. On Jan. 13, 55 people were being monitored. Initial estimates projected as many as 1,400 could be added over three years, or about 39 a month. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Corrections Information Council Back In Operation

A three-member board charged with monitoring the condition of 9,000 District of Columbia inmates is operating again. The D.C. Corrections Information Council didn't have any members from 2005 to 2012. The council is now operating again following appointments last year by Mayor Vincent Gray and the D.C. Council. (AP)

The Lotteries

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Maryland

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Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	9-1-5
Mid-day Pick 4	9-0-6-4
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	3-2-4-0
Match 5 (Mon.)	14-16-32-33-36 (26)

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	2-7-3
Evening Lucky Numbers (Mon.)	9-6-2
Mid-day DC 4	2-5-0-9
Evening DC 4 (Mon.)	9-7-8-5
Mid-day D.C. Five	0-3-9-0-6
Evening D.C. Five (Mon.)	8-4-1-9-3

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	8-4-2
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	7-3-7
Mid-day Pick 4	4-4-0-4
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	9-8-2-8
Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)	3-6-7-21-33
Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)	2-7-14-21-26

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Cover Story

The Job Nightmare We Created

What's stealing middle-class work isn't just overseas — it's at our very fingertips

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The amount of the 7.5 million jobs lost in the U.S. during the Great Recession that paid middle-class wages, ranging from $38,000 to $68,000. But only 2 percent of the 3.4 million jobs gained since the recession ended in June 2009 are midpay. Nearly 70 percent are low-paying jobs. (AP)

Analysis

Five years after the start of the Great Recession, the toll is terrifyingly clear: Millions of middle-class jobs have been lost in developed countries the world over.

And the situation is even worse than it appears.

Most of the jobs will never return, and millions more are likely to vanish as well, say experts who study the labor market. What's more, these jobs aren't just being lost to China and other developing countries, and they aren't just factory work. Increasingly, jobs are disappearing in the service sector, home to two-thirds of all workers.

They're being obliterated by technology. For decades, science fiction warned of a future when we would be architects of our own obsolescence, replaced by our machines; an Associated Press analysis finds that the future has arrived.

"The jobs that are going away aren't coming back," says Andrew McAfee of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "I have never seen a period where computers demonstrated as many skills and abilities as they have over the past seven years."

Whole employment categories, from secretaries to travel agents, are starting to disappear.

"There's no sector of the economy that's going to get a pass," says Martin Ford, who wrote "The Lights in the Tunnel," a book predicting widespread job losses. "It's everywhere."

Candidates for U.S. president last year never tired of telling Americans how jobs were being shipped overseas. China was easy to blame.

But most jobs cut in the U.S. and Europe weren't moved. No one got them. They vanished. And the villain — a software engineer working in Silicon Valley, for example — isn't so easy to hate.

"It doesn't have political appeal to say the reason we have a problem is we're so successful in technology," says Columbia University economist Joseph Stiglitz. "There's no enemy there."

Historically, new companies and new industries have been the incubator of new jobs. Start-up companies no more than five years old are big sources of new jobs in developed economies. In the U.S., they accounted for 99 percent of new private-sector jobs in 2005, according to a study by the University of Maryland's John Haltiwanger and two other economists.

But even these companies are hiring fewer people. The average new business employed 4.7 workers when it opened its doors in 2011, down from 7.6 in the 1990s, according to a Labor Department study released last March.

Technology is probably to blame, wrote the report's authors, Eleanor Choi and James Spletzer.

Tech innovations have been throwing people out of jobs for centuries. But they eventually created more work, and greater wealth, than they destroyed.

Peter Lindert, an economist at the University of California, Davis, says the computer is more destructive than innovations in the Industrial Revolution because the pace at which it is upending industries makes it hard for people to adapt.

Occupations that provided middle-class lifestyles for generations can disappear in a few years.

Utility meter readers are an example: As power companies began installing so-called smart readers outside homes, the number of meter readers in the U.S. plunged from 56,000 in 2001 to 36,000 in 2010, according to the Labor Department. In 10 years? That number is expected to be zero.

BERNARD CONDON AND PAUL WISEMAN (AP)

Counterpoint

Some analysts reject the idea that technology has been a big job killer. They note that the collapse of the housing market in the U.S., Ireland, Spain and other countries and the ensuing global recession wiped out millions of middle-class construction and factory jobs. In their view, governments could bring many of the jobs back if they would put aside worries about their heavy debts and spend more. Others note that jobs continue to be lost to China, India and other countries in the developing world. (AP)

Ourselves to Blame

Technology may take much of the blame for recent job losses, but don't forget to fault family and friends and the person in the mirror. The uncomfortable truth is technology is killing jobs with the help of consumers by enabling them to quickly do tasks that workers used to do full time. Check out your groceries using a kiosk? A worker at a cash register used to do that. Click "accept" in an email invitation to attend a meeting? You've pushed an office assistant closer to unemployment. Book your vacation using an online program? You've helped lay off a travel agent. Technology gives rise to "cheaper products and cool services," says David Autor, an economist at MIT. "But if you lose your job, that is slim compensation." (AP)

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Ravens safety Ed Reed has been named to nine Pro Bowls in 11 seasons, but he will be making his first Super Bowl appearance on Feb. 3 against the 49ers.

Not Too Late for First Impression

Birk, Reed rewarded for return to Ravens with Super Bowl trip

Super Bowl

The only reason why Matt Birk brought his aching knees and battered body to training camp for a 15th NFL season was to get to the Super Bowl.

The 36-year-old Birk was bothered by neck, elbow and knee injuries during his previous three years with the Baltimore Ravens, yet he never missed a start. During the offseason, the six-time Pro Bowl center underwent surgery to repair varicose veins in his legs.

Still, Birk knew the Ravens had a shot at a championship, and he wanted to be a part of it.

"At this stage in my career, losing takes a lot out of you," Birk said. "I wouldn't have come back if I didn't think there was a legitimate chance that I could help the team."

Birk and safety Ed Reed, who has mulled retirement in the past, head a list of veterans who will be making their first Super Bowl appearance when the Ravens face the San Francisco 49ers on Feb. 3.

"It means a lot for all the guys to have an opportunity to be a part of that," coach John Harbaugh said. "To be able to be involved with that as a leader is a huge thing. It makes you feel really good, and now you try to make the most of it."

Birk endured 11 fruitless years in Minnesota, reaching the playoffs five times without a conference title. Then, after joining the Ravens as a free agent in 2009, he was part of three more playoff runs that ended short of the Super Bowl.

Now, Birk is poised to be part of the NFL's biggest game.

"It's great, obviously," he said. "That's the goal. That's your dream. That's why you play."

Maybe Birk deserved it, after everything he went through over his first 14 years. But he exudes no such feeling of entitlement.

"Nobody deserves it more than anybody else. It doesn't matter how long you play," Birk said. "To be doing it with this team and just, I think, the closeness of this team and kind of the journey that we have been through my four years here — every year getting close and getting close — to finally break through, it's pretty special."

Reed, 34, has made nine Pro Bowls in 11 years with Baltimore and has long been recognized as one of the finest free safeties in the game. But he never got into the Super Bowl until now, and to make it even sweeter, his first appearance will be in his home state of Louisiana.

"It's been a long time coming, but it takes time," Reed said. "We've built up to this point." DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

Ravens center Matt Birk and safety Ed Reed head a list of veterans who will be making their first Super Bowl appearance on Feb. 3.

Matt Birk
- Age: 36
- Seasons: 14
- Games: 210
- Starts: 187
- Pro Bowls: 6

Ed Reed
- Age: 34
- Seasons: 11
- Games: 160
- Starts: 159
- Pro Bowls: 9

That's Where We Draw the Line: Fans watching NFL games on TV have grown accustomed to the imaginary yellow line to indicate the first down marker. That line could become part of the in-game experience at all 32 NFL stadiums with the First Down Laser System. League spokesman Greg Aiello said, "We have not been convinced that it would work for us, but we are open to further discussion after the season." (AP)

Djokovic Still on Roll Down Under

Tennis

Novak Djokovic is really starting to get the hang of how to handle himself at the Australian Open.

An expression often used Down Under — "Keep your shirt on" — is designed to discourage anyone from becoming unnecessarily overexcited.

Djokovic took it literally after his 6-1, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 win Tuesday night over fifth-seeded Tomas Berdych, advancing to the semifinals at an 11th consecutive Grand Slam tournament.

The 2-hour, 31-minute victory took exactly half the time of his five-set, fourth-round win two nights previously against Stanislas Wawrinka. In the early hours of Monday morning, Djokovic ripped his sweat-drenched shirt off, mimicking his victory celebration after the 5:53 victory over Rafael Nadal in the 2012 Australian Open final.

After the Berdych match, however, he realized there was no need to raise the roof. Djokovic calmly pumped his fist once and walked to the net.

In the semifinals, Djokovic will meet No. 4-seeded David Ferrer, who survived a quarterfinal battle with fellow Spaniard Nicolas Almagro. Almagro had three chances to serve for the match, but Ferrer broke each time.

Djokovic is aiming to be the first man in the Open era to win three consecutive Australian titles. JOHN PYE (AP)

TV Lineup

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., ESPN) Before top-ranked Duke hosts Maryland on Saturday, the Blue Devils must get by No. 25 Miami.

NBA (10:30 P.M., NBATV) The Warriors beat the Clippers on Monday and now host the West-leading Thunder.

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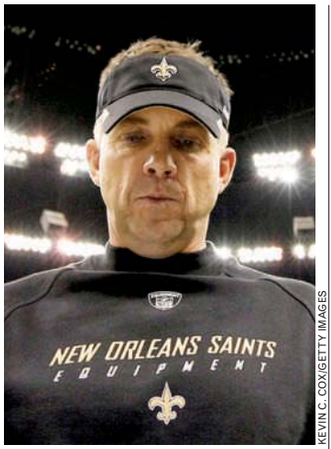

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Sean Payton served a season-long suspension for his role in a bounty scandal.

League Lifts Saints Coach Payton's Ban

NFL

Sean Payton is back as coach of the New Orleans Saints.

Payton's season-long suspension for his role in the Saints' bounty program was lifted by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell on Tuesday, nearly two weeks earlier than expected.

The decision allows Payton to attend the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., on Saturday, where some of the top college players available for the NFL Draft will be competing.

Payton, along with assistant head coach Joe Vitt, general manager Mickey Loomis, and four players including Jonathan Vilma, was suspended after an investigation found the club had a performance pool offering cash rewards for key plays, including big hits. The player suspensions eventually were overturned.

"I clearly recognize that mistakes were made, which led to league violations," Payton said in a statement Tuesday. "Furthermore, I have assured the commissioner a more diligent protocol will be followed."

The suspension was scheduled to end after the Super Bowl on Feb. 3, but was moved up after Payton and Goodell met on Monday. (AP)

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Wizards point guard John Wall has averaged 14.0 points, 6.7 assists and 25 minutes in his six games since returning from a knee injury.

Wizards Back to Leaning on Wall

Point guard's return triggers turnaround in past six games

Wizards

John Wall is still working his way back to full speed. After returning from a stress injury in his left kneecap, the Wizards point guard is averaging 25 minutes in six games.

But he's making the most of his limited time on the floor, and his presence has made a noticeable difference.

"Just the way he plays, he's so aggressive. We have to be behind him," rookie Bradley Beal told reporters. "He's always fired up. Sometimes, you have to tell him to relax a little bit."

With Wall, who is averaging 14.0 points and 6.7 assists per game, the Wizards have gone 4-2 after winning just five of their first 33 games of the season.

And it's not as if Washington is taking advantage of a lull in its schedule. The Wizards will complete a five-game Western Conference road trip in Utah on Wednesday night, having split the first four contests.

The Wizards' most impressive win since Wall's return came Friday against a Nuggets team that entered the night with a 16-2 home record. Meanwhile, the Wizards entered a league-worst 1-16 on the road.

Wall had 14 points, 12 assists and one key late block in Washington's 112-108 win in Denver. The Wizards were also a plus-15 when Wall was on the floor.

"I feel like I'm getting better day by day," Wall told reporters Sunday. "I'm feeling healthy and doing a great job of getting my team involved and taking the shots my teammates are giving me. I wish I was healthy in November, but things happen for a reason."

Wall's return can't erase the first 2½ months of the season, when the Wizards were the worst team in the league. But the way the former No. 1 pick has come back from injury makes the future look a little more promising for the Wizards.

JEFFREY TOMIK (EXPRESS)

Instant Impact It may just be six games, but the Wizards look like a completely different team with John Wall in the lineup. (EXPRESS)

Without Wall		With Wall	
5-28	-8	4-2	+6.3
Record	Pt. diff./game	Record	Pt. diff./game
89.2	40.8	100.7	47.7
Points/game	FG Pct.	Points/game	FG Pct.

9 P.M. Wednesday | CSN

Nothing to Do With It: The woman whose photo was used as the "face" of the Twitter account of Manti Te'o's supposed girlfriend says the man allegedly behind the hoax confessed and apologized to her. Diane O'Meara told NBC's "Today" show Tuesday that Ronaiah Tuiasosopo used pictures of her without her knowledge in creating a fake woman called Lennay Kekua. Te'o asserts he was tricked into an online romance with Kekua. (AP)

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Sounds of Silence
Beyonce lip-synced the national anthem at the inauguration 23

Inside Jokes

Worse 'Week'

VH1's "Best Week Ever" used to be a secretly good clip show about bad reality TV and celebrity culture. Each week, an impressive roster of comedians would riff on "The Bachelor," "American Idol" and Paris Hilton. "Best Week" capitalized on our short attention spans and penchant for instant nostalgia until it was canceled in 2010.

By Rudi Greenberg

I was a big fan of "Best Week," which employed some of my favorite comics, so I was excited to learn VH1 would be reviving the series with a new cast (featuring relative unknowns, such as Jared Logan, Michael Che and Megan Neuringer).

Unfortunately, when I tuned in to Friday's premiere, it felt like VH1 had exhumed "Best Week Ever's" corpse and tried to reanimate it.

The new panel's jokes fell flat, the writing relied on bad wordplay and the clips barely registered a laugh.

But the thing that bugged me most was something the show ignored. Last Wednesday, Deadspin.com revealed that Notre Dame linebacker Manti T'eo's girlfriend never existed. You'd think it would be the first thing a week-in-review show would discuss.

Instead, "Best Week Ever" opened with clips from "The Bachelor." Same as it ever was — but worse.

@ Read Rudi's previous columns at: **readexpress.com/insidejokes**

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Left: An undated photo from "The Buddy Deane Show." Right: Former "Deane" dancers demonstrate the Madeline at Baltimore's Mobtown Ballroom earlier this month.

Where the Beat Began

If you were a teenager in Baltimore in the late 1950s and early 1960s, you watched "The Buddy Deane Show," Baltimore's answer to "American Bandstand." Chances are you wanted to be on "The Buddy Deane Show," whose stars were ordinary teens-turned-local celebs. Most people probably would've forgotten about the show ages ago had it not been immortalized by John Waters in his 1988 movie "Hairspray." In honor of the 25th anniversary of "Hairspray," the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra is staging a concert production of the musical adaptation, narrated by Waters. Recently, Waters and some original "Deaners" got together to reminisce. JESSICA GOLDSTEIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"The Buddy Deane Show" debuted on Sept. 9, 1957, and became the most popular local show in the United States.

John Waters: I watched it for the fashion and for the drama, because Buddy Deane encouraged them to [date and] break up on film. I watched it like a soap opera. I watched and fantasized about it and made up stories about it in my brain.

Frani Hahn (then Nedeloff): I watched it every day with my family when I'd come home from school. [At my audition], I was not quite 14. I lied! You had to be 14 to 18 to get on.

Marie Shapiro (then Fischer): You had to be able to jitterbug and you had to be able to cha-cha, and do whatever dance was popular then, the mashed potato or the pony.

Once a teenager joined the Committee [the show's stable of regular dancers], he or she had to abide by Deane's rules: "Your clothing will be befitting a lady or a gentleman, and your habits, no smoking or gum chewing, will set standards for the future."

Wayne Hahn: If you were late, you couldn't get in the door.

Mary Lou Barber: My hairstyle was the biggest. I had beehives. We used to wrap our hair in toilet paper at night. And when we sprayed it, we had to blot it so it didn't leave residue.

The Committee members became Baltimore celebrities and got to meet some of the biggest stars in music, like Chubby Checker, Bobby Darin and James Brown.

Barber: I used to receive 100 letters a week, all fan mail. I couldn't go to a mall without somebody going, "Oh my God, it's Mary Lou!" … [But] people hated me, too. I'd get hate mail.

The show ended in controversy when, amid calls to integrate the almost all-white program, "Buddy Deane" was canceled. The last show aired on Jan. 4, 1964.

Barber: Think of it: In the '60s, if they were to ask a black guy to lead a dance with me or some other white girl — Baltimore wasn't ready for it yet. There were riots! You're going to put it on TV? You have to ease into it.

Wayne Hahn: Us kids, we all went to school with black people and had black friends. It was really no big deal to us. But the parents, I guess, back in the early '60s and late '50s, things were a lot different.

In the early 1980s at a "Buddy Deane Show" reunion, Waters approached former Committee members about a movie he wanted to make. His 1988 film "Hairspray" went on to inspire a Broadway musical of the same name.

Waters: I never purposely thought I was making a movie that was any more commercial than any of the other ones. I was just accidentally obsessed with something that was appealing to more people.

Frani Hahn: John always said he felt like we were a cult. And coming from John Waters, I thought, "That is a really nice compliment!"

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A Predator drone is parked at Holloman Hangar in New Mexico.

Inside Drone Warfare

'NOVA's' look at the military's most secret weapon lacks depth

Documentary

PBS 9:00

"NOVA" lifts the veil off our most secret weapon — just slightly. "Rise of the Drones" examines the inventors and pilots behind the unmanned aircraft that have been an essential — and largely clandestine — part of American espionage and warfare since 2001.

We meet inventor Abe Karem, known as the "Father of the Predator" drone. He spent the better part of the 1980s developing prototypes in his garage for the unmanned planes that would develop into today's drones. His inventions were both high-tech and old-school. In one, he retrofitted an old go-kart engine to give his light, high-flying plane remarkable fuel economy.

From the era of aerial combat above the trenches of World War I to the cinematic dogfights of "Top Gun," the emphasis has been on making jets faster and more powerful and agile. As a result, they have become hugely expensive and burn an extraordinary amount of fuel in a short time. Engineers are now working on drones that can stay aloft for days and weeks, or even longer. They're also shrinking the size of the aircraft, enabling unforeseen access to potential foes, foreign and domestic — an ability many find troubling.

"Rise of the Drones" concentrates on the engineering, science and gadgetry of these weapons, or weaponized devices. It barely touches on the moral, legal or political consequences of their use.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Today's Top Stops

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1 Spy Games

Remember Aldrich Ames? The CIA officer, left, was arrested in 1994 for passing spy secrets to the Soviet Union — and now you can talk to the woman who caught him at it. Former CIA operative Sandy Grimes, who along with colleague Jeanne Vertefeuille is largely responsible for the case against Ames, will speak tonight. ***International Spy Museum, 800 F St. NW; Wed., 6:30 p.m., $9; 202-393-7798, Spymuseum.org. (Gallery Place)***

2 All Hail the Queen of Bounce

When you dance, you're supposed to sweat. And you're supposed to get your posterior in on the act — that's what it was made for. Big Freedia, New Orleans' Queen of Bounce (a regional style of booty-centric hip-hop), will ensure there's "Azz Everywhere," as her 2010 club hit says. Expect her to perform some recent singles, including last year's "Booty-Whop." ***Rock & Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE; Wed., 8:30 p.m., $18; 202-388-7625, Rockandrollhoteldc.com.***

3 'Federalist Papers 2'

Need a primer on how the Senate works? No, go ahead, make your "it doesn't" joke. We'll wait. Former Sen. Tom Daschle, right, has written a book called "The U.S. Senate," which provides a history and overview of the working of the upper (better?) house of Congress. He'll discuss it this afternoon at the National Archives. ***National Archives, Constitution Ave. and 7th St. NW; Wed., noon, free; 202-357-5000, Archives.gov. (Archives)***

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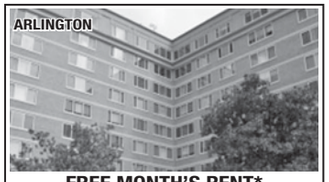

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Blog Log

"I'm pretty sure there are more fitting ways to honor MLK's legacy than Nike (human/labor rights pioneers themselves) charging kids way too much money for hideous basketball sneakers."

— Commenter **DANNYPANAMA** at Washingtonpost.com/blogs/dc-sports-bog reacts to a story about Wizards players, some of whom wore special Nike sneakers Monday night in tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. The shoes are part of the Black History Month collection and will go on sale Saturday.

"So annoying that people are still saying Happy New Year."

— **@LIBERIANGYAL** thinks it's about time to move on from that greeting for the remainder of 2013.

GETTY IMAGES

"I don't know if I could go back to a world where animated GIFs don't exist."

— **@LINDSAYGTWEETS** is having trouble visualizing what life would be like without the popular online comedy crutch.

"Basically, when she hits, she hits like Muhammad Ali. When she misses, it's like watching Andre Agassi whiff at a tennis ball."

— **CAPHILLSTYLE.COM** is conflicted when analyzing first lady Michelle Obama's wardrobe choices during the inauguration ceremonies Monday.

"It was revolutionary, and it was unacceptable to show up to high school the next day without knowing all the material from the previous night's episode. Social suicide, the kids still call it."

— **REMBERT BROWNE** at Grantland.com looks back Tuesday on "Chappelle's Show" on the 10th anniversary of its first episode airing on Comedy Central.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Once you ask a certain someone how they are doing, it's like opening the flood gates. You must be ready to lend an ear!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A special request made some time ago is likely to be honored, and the end result is likely to be much more than anticipated.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You mustn't panic when things go a little wrong; keep your head above water and do what you can to minimize any hardship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You must be able to strike a balance between what is right and what is possible. Somewhere in there is the solution.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) There are certain parameters you must respect as you go about your business. You aren't likely to be allowed the freedom you are used to.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You have been entertaining a notion that is unusual— and you find it both exciting and frightening. Make a decision soon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Things may look good, but beneath the surface, there are some unhealthy rumblings you must pay attention to today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You want to get your hands on something that really inspires you to new heights, but it may not be available to you just yet. Be patient.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can do something traditional in an entirely new way — and attract a great many new participants as well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may have trouble understanding why the rules are what they are — but no matter what, you must be willing to follow them!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Nothing is certain, but you are likely to have one or two hunches that are so strong, you are tempted to interpret them as sure things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are looking forward to something fun and exciting, but to prepare for it properly you'll have to put in a good deal of work.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 140-150, BEST SCORE 229

								RACK 1
E1	O1	U1	N1	N1	L1	T1		
								RACK 2
A1	E1	O1	N1	R1	R1	V4	2nd Letter Double	
								RACK 3
E1	E1	L1	M3	R1	B3	T1		
								RACK 4
O1	Y4	P3	L1	C3	C3	S1	Triple Word Score	

Yesterday's Solution

S1	H4	O1	E1	B3	O1	X8	RACK 1 =	88
W4	O1	O1	L1	E1	N1		RACK 2 =	9
B3	E1	N1	Z10	E1	N1	E1	RACK 3 =	74
F4	A1	C3	U1	L1	T1	Y4	RACK 4 =	65
PAR SCORE 160-170							TOTAL	236

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			7	2	9			
2				3				4
9		7		8			6	3
6		4		7		2		8
8	3			1		4		7
7				9				6
			2	5	4			
	8		1		7		4	

Yesterday's Solution

7	2	9	5	6	3	4	8	1
8	6	3	2	1	4	7	5	9
5	1	4	7	9	8	3	2	6
9	5	1	8	2	7	6	4	3
3	7	2	6	4	1	8	9	5
4	8	6	3	5	9	1	7	2
1	9	7	4	3	2	5	6	8
2	4	5	1	8	6	9	3	7
6	3	8	9	7	5	2	1	4

Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS

Forecast

26 | 22

Today: Very cold today with clouds and sun. Some snow, slick spots tonight.

31 | 21

Tomorrow: Cold tomorrow with clouds and sun. Partly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

FRI	SAT	SUN
29 | 25	32 | 22	39 | 28

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:21 a.m.
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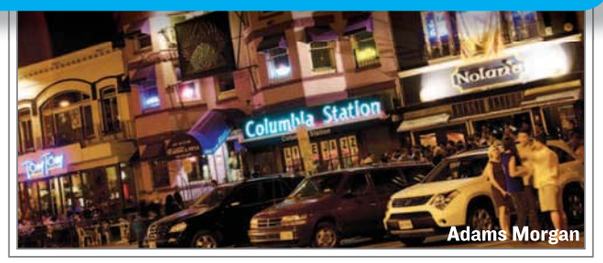

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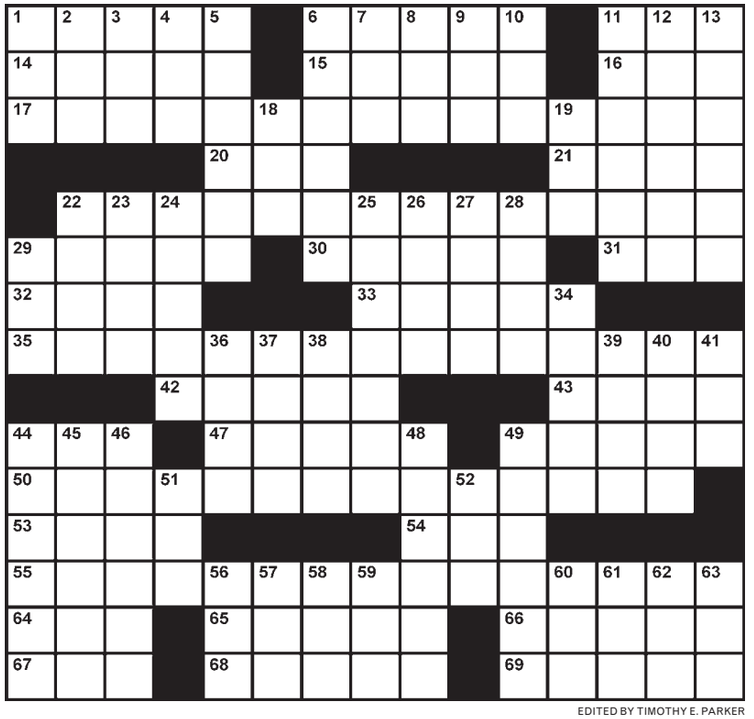

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ACROSS

1 Member of the track team
6 Lost brightness
11 Bub
14 Music for a film
15 "Arrivederci!"
16 Longoria of TV
17 Place to get food quickly
20 "One ___ customer"
21 Muses' number
22 Homeowner's additional liability
29 Troublesome auto
30 Old photo tint
31 "Berlin Game" author Deighton
32 What the fat lady sings?
33 Musicians Redbone and Russell
35 Salinger work (with "The")
42 Argument flaws
43 "I need ___!" (desperate admission)
44 Alternative to com, edu or net
47 ___ ghost (is frightened)
49 Last Oldsmobile model
50 Traveler's plane upgrade
53 Cold-region gull relative
54 ___ and caboodle
55 Focal point
64 Bolivia's neighbor (Abbr.)
65 AM/FM apparatus
66 Donor
67 Mao ___-tung
68 Change one's story?
69 Dueling swords

DOWN

1 Submissions to an ed.
2 I, in Germany
3 Ringo's john?
4 Boot one on the field, it's human
5 Mary Lou of gymnastics fame
6 Capacitance units
7 Do simple math
8 Use it to get a snake eye
9 All eternity, poetically
10 Fizzled firecracker
11 Like a drudge's labor
12 Get an eye for an eye
13 Sway at high speed
18 Ending for "ball"
19 Marathon company
22 Will be, to Doris Day
23 Send off, as broadcast waves
24 Flier's seat choice
25 Grammy-winner Etheridge or Manchester
26 Dentist's request
27 Sing Sing disorder
28 Hyperbolic function
29 Fond du ___, Wis.
34 Black Panthers co-founder Bobby
36 Parasite's need
37 Basic util.
38 React to a one-two
39 Actress Perlman
40 Asian tent
41 Teamwork deterrent
44 "Queen ___" (Ella Fitzgerald's nickname)
45 ___ Island (site of a New York prison)
46 Seattle-born rock genre
48 Have a prayer request
49 "All the world's ___"
51 Took a load off
52 "To ___, With Love"
56 Before, to a bard
57 Butting bighorn
58 Literary tribute
59 Shark's appendage
60 Big shot
61 "___ got it" (outfielder's call)
62 Young batter's ball supporter
63 Mos. turn into them

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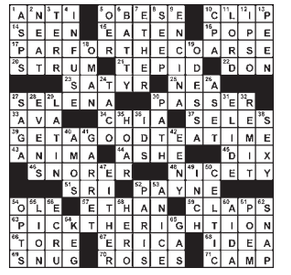

TODAY IN HISTORY

1789 Georgetown University is established in present-day Washington, D.C.

1964 The 24th Amendment to the Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, is ratified.

1973 President Richard Nixon announces that an accord has been reached to end the Vietnam War and that it will be formally signed four days later in Paris.

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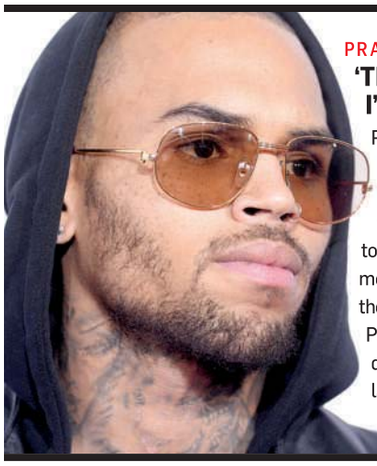

PRANK WARNING SIGNS

'This Is I.P. Freely. Help! I'm at Chris Brown's'

Police responded to Chris Brown's home Monday after they received a call about a domestic violence situation that turned out to be false. When police arrived, members of Brown's staff were at the home, but the singer wasn't. Police searched the home and didn't find any problems. It's the latest so-called "swatting" prank targeting celebrities. (AP)

TOPICS

Book Is Subtitled: 'About LeAnn Rimes'

Brandi Glanville told Andy Cohen on "Watch What Happens Live" that LeAnn Rimes is "insane." Rimes is married to Eddie Cibrian, Glanville's ex-husband. In Glanville's new book, "Drinking and Tweeting," she suggests that Rimes is Cibrian's "sugar mama" — that she provides him with the swanky lifestyle he's always wanted. (EXPRESS)

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Brandi models the newest trend in hair: growing out your roots wildly unevenly.

Victims

She Has Plenty Of Reality IRL

Lindsay Lohan turned down "Dancing with the Stars," TMZ.com reported. Unnamed sources said Lohan passed on multiple offers (really!), the highest of which was $550,000. According to the sources, Lohan said she didn't want to do reality TV. A "DWTS" rep told TMZ, "We don't comment on casting." (EXPRESS)

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Boehner wasn't buying it. Schumer was impressed it went off so well.

WHAT BEYONCE WAS HAVING

A Moment of Silence

Beyonce used a prerecorded voice track to perform the national anthem at President Barack Obama's inauguration. A U.S. Marine Band spokeswoman said Tuesday that the band was notified at the last minute that Beyonce would perform to the prerecorded music. The band played their instruments live. All inaugural music is prerecorded in case weather conditions or other circumstances could interrupt the program. A representative for Beyonce did not immediately respond to requests for comment. (AP)

EMOTIONS

'I Still Hope to Not Have To Pay Spousal Support'

Arnold Schwarzenegger is quoted in an interview in Germany's Bild newspaper saying he's still in love with his estranged wife, Maria Shriver. He told the newspaper that, despite their separation, he spent Christmas with Shriver and their children. Schwarzenegger is cited saying "we're not fighting any war. I still hope for reconciliation. I still love Maria." (EXPRESS)

"The first time they realize that the sound they're hearing is the thing that they're seeing is an experience for them."

— CHRIS PRATT TELLS ELLEN DEGENERES ABOUT HIS NEW BABY WITH WIFE ANNA FARIS.

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